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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provide as follows:

"Rule 158

"The General Assembly shall appoint an expert Committee on Contributions consisting of eighteen members.

"Rule 159

"The members of the Committee on Contributions, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience and shall serve for a period of three years corresponding to three calendar years. Members shall retire by rotation and shall be eligible for reappointment. The General Assembly shall appoint the members of the Committee on Contributions at the regular session immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the members or, in case of vacancies, at the next session."

2. The present membership of the Committee is the following:

Mr. Pieter Johannes Bierma (Netherlands)**
Mr. Uldis Blukis (Latvia)*
Mr. Sergio Chaparro Ruiz (Chile)****
Mr. Paul Ekorong A Dong (Cameroon)**
Mr. Neil Hewitt Francis (Australia)**
Mr. Bernardo Greiver (Uruguay)*****
Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar (Brazil)***

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Mr. Henry Hanson-Hall (Ghana)**
Mr. Ihor V. Humenny (Ukraine)*
Mr. Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina)******
Mr. Ju Kuilin (China)***
Mr. Nathan Irumba (Uganda)*
Mr. David A. Leis (United States of America)*
Mr. Sergei I. Mareyev (Russian Federation)***
Mr. Angel Marron (Spain)***
Mr. Hae-yun Park (Republic of Korea)***
Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy)***
Mr. Prakash Shah (India)*
Mr. Kazuo Watanabe (Japan)*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

**** Term of office from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2000.

***** Term of office from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001.

****** Term of office from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 1999 and from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001.

3. Since the terms of office of Mr. Blukis, Mr. Humenny, Mr. Irumba, Mr. Leis, Mr. Shah and Mr. Watanabe will expire on 31 December 2000, it will be necessary for the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session to appoint six persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2001.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the fifty-fifth session.